

KILBURN OLDER VOICES EXCHANGE

KOVE

News



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Kilburn High Road

Camden and Brent are working together on a scheme to improve the environment on Kilburn High Road. They are hoping to improve the air quality, have cleaner streets with more space for shopping and walking, and less traffic in residential streets. The project is linked to Brent being the London Borough of Culture in 2020, and they are planning a festival in June 2020 to coincide with the European Football Final at Wembley.

KOVE has been raising issues about Kilburn High Road for some time, and we received funding from Brent Council to install four new benches on their side of the road. At present there are only six public places to sit in the Kilburn High Road area. This makes it more difficult for older people to use the shops and facilities because they might need a place for a short rest when out shopping. The councils also recognise that the street is unattractive at the moment. It only has 17 trees.



The councils organised a meeting to consult local community groups – KOVE was well represented. We talked to those council officers and councillors present and exchanged ideas with other people. Mel Wright raised the importance of benches as

part of the scheme. We also pointed out the need for easily accessible public transport, with proper shelters and indicator boards at bus stops, plus the importance of publicly accessible toilets.

Mel has been working on our benches project for around nine months. We had already identified sites and sourced suitable benches. It now looks like we will have to have further meetings with council officers to make sure that our proposals don't clash with the new plans. We will keep members up to date on this.

Shoot Up Hill

The good news is that our bench on Shoot Up Hill, which is being funded by Camden, is ready to go and may even be in place when this newsletter comes out. We will be organising an official opening of the bench.

If you know an area that would benefit from having a bench, please contact KOVE. There are often small amounts of money available for these projects.

KOVE Annual General Meeting

- Thursday 10 October 2019
- 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- At Kingsgate Community Centre, 107 Kingsgate Road NW6 2JH
- Speaker: Jeremy Leach (Chair, London Living Streets)
- Elections & Reports
- Refreshments provided

**All KOVE members
welcome**

Summer Concert



The KOVE and Kilburn & West Hampstead Pensioners concert in June went very well. We were pleased to welcome the Kingsgate Primary School choir again, and local singer – and KOVE vice-chair – Phyllis Young who sang a song. Top of the bill were the Diphonon Duo, who gave an excellent performance. Thanks to Live Music Now for their support and Kingsgate Community Centre.

Ageing Better in Camden

We are pleased to report that our contract with Ageing Better in Camden is being extended to the end of 2020. This is great news, but as this will be the last funding from them we will have to start looking for new funding from early next year.

Local Forum dates:

Ainsworth: 1.30pm, SHELL 1, Linnell House off Boundary Rd, NW8 0HS. Wednesdays: **2 October** – speaker on Camden Extra Care service,

6 November & 4 December

Kilburn & West Hampstead Pensioners:

1.30pm, Kingsgate Community Centre:

Thursdays: **17 October:** Tudor Allen (Camden History Centre) on the history of Kilburn; **21**

November: Jazz Concert; **12 December:** Boccia & Christmas tea.

Sidings Forum: 2.15pm, Fridays: **25 October, 29 November and 13 December** at Sidings Community Centre.

Films:

Reel Local Cinema Club:

Over-60s matinee programme at 1.30pm.

New venue –West Hampstead Community Centre, 17 Dornfell St NW6 1QN. Admission: 50p. Mondays:

7 October – *Sister Act 2*; 4 November – *It's Complicated*; 2 December to be confirmed.

Contact Deborah Knight for more information.



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Arthritis Group

The **KOVE Arthritis Group** meets monthly at Sycamore Community Hall, 27a West End Lane NW6 4NY (The Kilburn end of West End Lane, off Kilburn High Road) on **Thursdays at 2pm.**

Meetings: 24 October and 28 November.

Contact Peter Lush for more information.

Stroke Freedom Support Group

Meetings at Sidings Community Centre, 150 Brassey Road, NW6 2BA at 1pm. Fridays:

25 October, 29 November & 13 December.

Contact Deborah Knight for more information.

Bench-to-Bench Walks



Our walks are aimed at older people, a gentle pace, rests at benches as required. A chance to visit different places and have a cup of tea or coffee afterwards. No need to tell us you are coming, although if you need any particular support it is good to know this in advance.



KOVE members enjoying a break in Postman's Park which we visited in July.

All walks are on **Wednesdays at 1.30pm:**

9 October: Marylebone. Meet at Marylebone station main entrance.

23 October: The Grant (Zoology) Museum & Russell Square. Meet at Euston Square Station (south entrance)

13 November: Willesden & the Brent Museum. Meet at Willesden Green station.

27 November: The British Museum. Meet at Gode Street Station. Restricted to 15 people – please reserve a place

11 December: West Hampstead & Christmas tea at West Hampstead Community Centre. Meet at West Hampstead Thameslink station main entrance.

The KOVE website: www.kove.org.uk also has information about KOVE's activities.

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